OWN THE ROAD

T-SERIES Club of Australia

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In Pursuit of happiness

Club member Chris Lykokapis delivers the final part of his P250 resurrection.

SA Nationals Photos

We've got heaps of photos from the 2025 T-Series Nationals in South Australia.

Bathurst Fundrasier in Bittern

Andy Christie's details Club Member Jason Floyd's Bathurst BBQ at his home.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 5 AND 10 YEAR MEMBERS

10 YEAR SERVICE AWARD

Tony Elkins
Alan Gresham
Martin Goff
Malcolm Margetts
Tim Mann
Shayne Taylor
Andy Christie
Godwin Galea
Rob Hordyk
Andrew Bronier
Martin McDonald
Geoff Van Gameren
Kevin Sampson
Marty Faulkner
Karl Mould
Roy Van Gameren
Ron Duffield
Allen Roberts
Darren Hogben
Stuart Rohde
Karen Mould
Deb Clasohm

5 YEAR SERVICE AWARD

Maurice Luksich
Phillip Utteridge
Stuart Hanley
Mango Kreljak
David Keenan
Claude Paul
Lyndon Ratcliffe
Raymond Erhardt
Werner Chelvaratnam
George Smith
Andrew Jakovich
Bruce Noris
Robert Ferguson
Sam Demien
Shaun Quee
Craig Murphy
Phillip Ruf
Robert Hicks
Jason Buckley
Barry Pitt
David Collins
Neil Richardson
Mark Dewit
Chris Lykokapis
Paul Derrick
Rod Carter
Jeffrey Gorton
Rex & Shirley Knight

UPCOMING EVENTS

Be in the know of what is happening in your state; cruises, shows and club meetings. Click here to head straight to the full events calendar on the website.

CRUISES & SHOWS

DECEMBER

VIC **Sun 7th December**
Victorian Club Christmas Breakfast
Hays Paddock, Lister Street East Kew. From 9AM. Finish the year off with club provided bacon and egg rolls and coffee.

JANUARY

VIC **Sun 18th January**
9th Annual Northern Car/Bike Show and Shine – *Club Display*
At Cole Reserve on Cumberland Rd (cnr Kent Rd), Pascoe Vale.

VIC **Sat 31st January**
Brunch at The Naked Racer Bar and Café
From 10 AM. 1 Grange Rd, Cheltenham

FEBRUARY

VIC **Sun 22nd February**
Garfield Cars and Coffee
Early morning Cruise to Gippsland, More details to come.

MARCH

VIC **March 7-9, 2026**
Phillip Island Festival of Speed
Save the date! More details coming soon.

VIC **Sun March 15, 2026**
Phil Baker Fundraiser BBQ Car Show
Save the date! More details on Page 07!

SA **Sun March 22, 2026**
South Australian All Ford Day
Save the date! To be held at Oakbank Racecourse.

CLUB MEETINGS

Wed 10th Dec
DEC Club Meeting More info
Teleconference, 8–9pm AEST

Wed 11th Feb
FEB Club Meeting More info
Teleconference, 8–9pm AEST

Note: Make sure to check the website for the latest information about club events. These details are accurate as at 01/12/25, but are subject to change.

CLUB COMMITTEE

Get to know the team that runs your club

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Andrew Bronier
President &
Merchandise Officer

Tony Elkins
Vice President
& Treasurer

Godwin Galea
Secretary

Tony Elkins
Membership Officer

Alan Gresham
Webmaster

You can contact any of our committee member here:
www.tseriesclub.org/contact/

STATE EVENT REPS

Karl Mould
Tasmania Event Rep

Andy Christie
Victoria Event Rep

Kevin Sampson
South Australia
Event Rep

Simon Preston
Western Australia
Event Rep

Position Vacant
Queensland Event Rep

Martin Goff
New South Wales
Event Rep

Stuart Rohde
Australian Capital
Territory Event Rep

MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS
• The committee shall prescribe annual membership fee annually.
• The fees are payable annually in advance on or before July 1st each year.
• Any new member who joins on or after the 1st of January shall be required to pay a pro-rata membership fee as prescribed by the committee at the time. *
• Failure to pay the annual membership fee by the 1st of September will mean loss of membership number and cancellation of club information until the fees have been paid in full.
• Upon joining as a member, the annual fee ($70) and one-off joining fee ($50) are payable to the club.
*Applications received after 1st January and before 1st April, need only remit 50% off the annual renewal fee. (ie Send $50 joining fee + $35 annual fee so a total of $85)

Each new member receives a Welcome Pack consisting of;
1 x Membership card - numbered
1 x Baseball Cap, Custom Made
1 x Key Ring
1 x High quality vehicle sticker
4 x quarterly editions of the digital club magazine "Own The Road"
And a quantity of Club recruitment cards to pass on to potential members.
Additional quantities of the merchandise items are available for purchase - see www.tseriesclub.org for details.

Click here to download a membership form with further details.

IMPORTANT LINKS

T Series Club of Australia Website
www.tseriesclub.org

Facebook Public Group – T-Series Club of Australia
https://www.facebook.com/groups/TSCoA/

Facebook Members Only Group – T-Series Club Members only group
https://www.facebook.com/groups/1237843696388981/

COVER IMAGE

Cars lined up in front of the lake at Mount Gambier, South Australia Nationals 2025

EDITOR'S WELCOME

Hi everyone! Welcome back to the another edition of Own the Road–The Official Magazine of the T-Series Club of Australia.

It's been a while between drinks, but I am thrilled to put together another great edition for you. We've hosted a number of events across Australia since our last edition. I hope you enjoy reading and connecting with the words and photos from our committee and club members.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions, concerns or feedback about anything within this mag. This is your mag, so if you ever have anything you want to share with your fellow club members and would like to see published; words, photos, ideas etc. please it send through!

Sam Ward
Club Magazine Editor
sam@samward.com.au

President's Report

What a year it has been! Our 2025 SA Road Trip Nationals was our second time in South Australia; the first located in the Barossa in 2010 which was prior to the club forming. It was great hearing the stories from attendees at this year's Nationals recall the events of 2010, and now we have even more to tell after our Road Trip from Geelong, to Mount Gambier then Tailem Bend. Thank you to everyone who made the event possible, from our SA State Reps past and present, to the committee and all the attendees who travelled from across the country to once again Own The Road.

As 2025 comes to a close, we have a few events in the calendar to see out the year and more to come in 2026. If it's been a while since you drove your T or P, now is a great time to blow the cobwebs off (and out) and come to an event in your state. We are looking to participate in events with other clubs more in 2026 so there will be plenty of opportunities to catch up with fellow owners and enthusiasts alike.

I wish all our members and their families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Please look out for each other over the festive period and hope it will be a time to relax and take a (well deserved) break.

Andrew Bronier
Club President

Membership Report

As of November 7, 2025, our club had 52 financial members across Australia and New Zealand, down from our total membership of 55 last year.

Despite the slight drop in membership, we should see a few more new members join through the year.

Since the last report, we have had nine new members join. Welcome to:

Joe Augustine
Associate Member

Chris Van Motman
T1 TS50 – Silhouette

Dean Hargreaves
T2 TE50 – Venom

John Faranda
T2 TE50 – Galaxy Blue

Matt Knell
T3 TS50 – Mercury Silver

Sean Sulistio
T3 TE50 – Blueprint

Peter Wills
T3 TS50 – Liquid Silver

Emmanuel Skaliotis
P250 – Venom

Andrew Cummings
P250 – Silhouette

Membership renewals were due on July 1, 2025, so if you have forgotten to pay your membership, and still wish to be a financial member of the T Series Club of Australia, click on the link to renew. It is still great value for only $70 for another year of membership. (and a lot less than you will pay for a tank of fuel!)
CLICK HERE TO RENEW

From January 1, 2026, any new member application can make a pro rata payment of $85 for a six month membership, which includes their membership pack. A membership renewal of $70 will then be due on 1 July 2026.

And if you no longer have an eligible car, you can still retain your membership in the club. Simply pay your renewal, let us know you that you no longer have your car, and we can change your membership status to Associate member.

If you are not sure if you if your membership is still current, or have any queries regarding membership, feel free to contact us at membership@tseriesclub.org

Cheers

Tony Elkins
Club Vice President
& Membership Officer

Secretary Report

Hello members.

A message from me as Club Secretary, I'm in my 2nd year for the role and have found it challenging at times in liaising and coordinating the monthly meetings with the committee. Having said that it has given me a better insight into helping the club.

In August our Annual General Meeting was held, nominations were sought for the various roles on the committee and welcoming the new committee for year 2025/26 are as follows.

Club President: ***Andrew Bronier***
Vice President: ***Tony Elkins***
Club Secretary: ***Godwin Galea***
Treasurer: ***Tony Elkins***
Membership Officer: ***Tony Elkins***
Merchandise Officer: ***Andrew Bronier***
Webmaster: ***Alan Gresham***

State Representatives:
As follows in no particular order.

N.S.W: ***Martin Goff***
Vic: ***Andrew Christie***
Tas: ***Karl Mould***
QLD: ***No Nominations were looked for***
ACT: ***Stuart Rohde***
SA: ***Kevin Sampson***
W.A: ***Simon Preston***

The above nominations were agreed to and accepted as per the club constitution, welcoming the new committee. As noted previously Claude Paul has stepped down from his roles as Membership Officer and the QLD rep roles, and the club would like to thank him and the earlier committee members for their help and ongoing support over the past year.

At the time of the election there were forty-nine members listed as financial

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask as your input is appreciated.

Godwin Galea
Club Secretary

VICTORIAN COMING EVENTS

2025

Sunday, December 7
Annual Club Christmas Breakfast

Hays Paddock, Lister Street East Kew from 9AM.

Finish the year off with club provided bacon and egg rolls and coffee

2026

Sunday, January 18, 2026
9th Annual Northern Car/Bike Show and Shine – *Club Display*
At Cole Reserve on Cumberland Rd (cnr Kent Rd), Pascoe Vale.

$20 entry for Cars. $10 entry for Bikes (Cash preferred, EFT available on the day)

Saturday, January 31, 2026
Brunch at The Naked Racer Bar and Café.

From 10 AM. 1 Grange Rd, Cnr Grange Rd & Voltri St, Cheltenham, Bayside, Victoria 3192.

Sunday, February 22, 2026
Garfield Cars and Coffee

Early morning Gippsland cruise to Garfield cars and Coffee. A pub lunch for those who want to make a day of it.

March 7-9, 2026
Phillip Island Festival of Speed.

We will do either Saturday or Sunday.

Further information will be sent early 2026, once all the details are finalised.

Sunday March 15, 2026
Phil Baker Fundraiser
BBQ Car Show

Nangiloc, N/W Victoria.

A weekend trip to the Mildura area and stay the Saturday night then mosey on down to Club member Phils' farm for a BBQ Lunch and car show on Sunday . Display your car with the locals and talk cars over a BBQ.

Further information will be sent early 2026, once all the details are finalised.

Sunday March 29, 2026
Geelong All Ford Day Club Display

Further information will be sent early 2026, once all the details are finalised. and posted to the club Facebook page.

2025 SA Nationals!

When it was decided that the 2025 Nationals would be in South Australia, Mal Margetts set about planning the itinerary. His concept was to have a road trip from Geelong to the Barossa via Mount Gambier. Over time, that concept developed into starting at the Geelong All Ford Day, driving to Mt Gambier for 2 nights, then to Tailem Bend for another 2 nights, finishing with a day at the Bend Motorsport Park.

SUNDAY, DAY 1

We met at the All Ford Day Geelong on Sunday 6th April, celebrating 100 years of Ford. We had a great area to display with asphalt under us and space enough for our 20 or so cars. This was a very big show with nearly 2000 quality Ford Vehicles on display A great start to our nationals with us winning best club display.

MONDAY, DAY 2

After gathering at the Geelong beachfront we were given our Nationals pack, containing entrant T shirt, car sticker, travel mug, coasters and lollies. Many thanks to Martin and co for organising and putting this together. .From there we headed to the Colac lake carpark for a coffee and pit stop. Then on to Portsmouth for lunch, after passing for a video sequence. There we had another photo session before reaching our first stop in Mount Gambier Caravan Park.

TUESDAY, DAY 3

Began with a photo session in the carpark overlooking The Blue Lake before going the scenic way past a wind farm to the Tantanoola Cave that was magnificent both in its structures and story behind its discovery. The afternoon saw us at lunch in the Penola Hotel, and then on to Wynns Coonawarra winery where many of had a tasting experience. Dinner for that night was at the Barn, a remarkable, posh restaurant just south of the city. Food and service was great but at a premium.

WEDNESDAY, DAY 4

Leaving Mount Gambier, we took off for Beachport via Millicent to the Pool of Siloam, where we had another obligatory photo session, pit stop (with only one toilet) and sadly, no coffee! On to Kingston SE and after some quite spirited driving, and a fuel stop for some, enjoyed a rest and lunch at the Royal Mail Hotel. A brief stop at the big Lobster for phots and more fuel, saw us then go on to The Bend Motorsport Park in Tailem Bend. Although most of us had UHF radios, we soon stretched out of range with more spirited driving. Dinner that evening in the caravan park was a BBQ provided by the club and appreciated by all.

THURSDAY, DAY 5

Began with us forming a display in the carpark of the Welcome Centre and everyone wandering through the centre to look at the displays before our organised tour of the complex at lunchtime. Interesting to see and hear about state of the art sections including the Race Control Centre. Then was time for the traditional Go Kart Challenge, this time with petrol carts on an outside bitumen track. We had a 10 minute qualifying session followed by 2 x 10 minute races. Congratulations to Kohen for taking out the top step of the podium.

Next was the highlight – a track cruise. We had about 3 laps of the full circuit and although our pace car driver said he would monitor our "performance", still pulled ahead to give us a chance to stretch those T legs. It was good also to see a few other members join us for the day, Barry, Mal and Deb and Brian.

Unfortunately one of our most passionate members, Donna, became gravely ill at this time and sadly passed away during Friday. She knew she was ill but still insisted on joining us for the Nationals as she loved the cars and the comradery within this club. Condolences to Steve and her family.

The Nationals farewell dinner was held at the Riverside Hotel in Tailem Bend in a private room for us. The food and service was again great after which we engaged in the usual frivolity of the quiz organised by Martin, go cart challenge awards provided by Karl, various speeches and most importantly awarding the Spirit of the Nationals trophy to George. Congratulations – A worthy member, he was both humbled and amazed at winning.

By all accounts everyone enjoyed the whole Nationals, especially the activities at the Motorsport Park arranged and hosted by Martien, events coordinator. Many thanks to him and his team, especially for the big digital welcome sign at the entrance to the complex. Much appreciated by all of us.

Many thanks also to Andrew for organising some Nationals accommodations, most of the road activities and leading us during the event. Pity his car suffered a minor issue but was all sorted on the Friday.

Can't wait to do it all again!

Kevin Sampson
South Australia
Event Rep

George Smith receiving the 'Spirit of the Nationals Award' at our presentation dinner.

2025 SA Nationals!

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Hi fellow members. Because I don't use the internet I asked Andy if it would be okay to write a short note about the South Australian nationals.

They were great… The End.

So was Canberra, The only other one I've been to.

The only sour note unfortunately was the passing of Donna, however she went out doing what she loved. I spoke to Steve recently and it is likely that her daughter will buy her car, and hopefully she will join the club.

I guess a week is not enough time to really get to become firm friends with fellow members, however, it's a good start. The tyranny of distance doesn't help either. If we were all the same age went to the same school, etcetera, I could, and would, be friends of every member that I have ever met.

There were a lot of high lights that I loved about the South Australian Nationals, winning best display in Geelong was great. The fang to Mt Gambier, the feed at Mt Gambier, the drive to Tailem Bend, the go-karts. But most importantly the laps at The Bend the best of all, but, maybe that is just me.

I wish you all the best and hope to see you all in NSW in 2027.

Warm regards,

CLUB MEMBER
ROD CARTER

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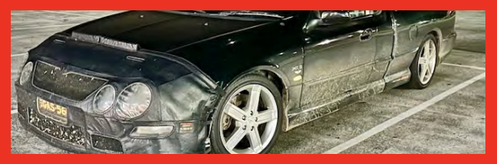


Tickford AU Alarm Loom Sleeve and Lock Cap replacement

REPLACE THAT LONG-LOST PROTECTIVE COVER AND LONG-AGO CRACKED LOOM SLEEVE FOR YOUR TICKFORD AU ALARM!

The alarm's printed circuit board is directly underneath the lock barrel, so keeping dirt and moisture out is important for the life of your alarm module.

These flexible parts are manufactured in a durable TPU (polyurethane) and precisely sized to provide a reliable seal with the alarm casing.

It includes a section of black PVC tubing which you can use in place of the top section of the part, to give a more OEM look. Simply give the top section a sharp pull and it will lift clear - you can then insert the PVC tube in its place.

To fit the part, you will need to release each of the six wires from the plug that goes into the alarm module, remove the old loom sleeve and feed them through the replacement prior to reinserting the wires back into the plug in the correct position (take a photo!).

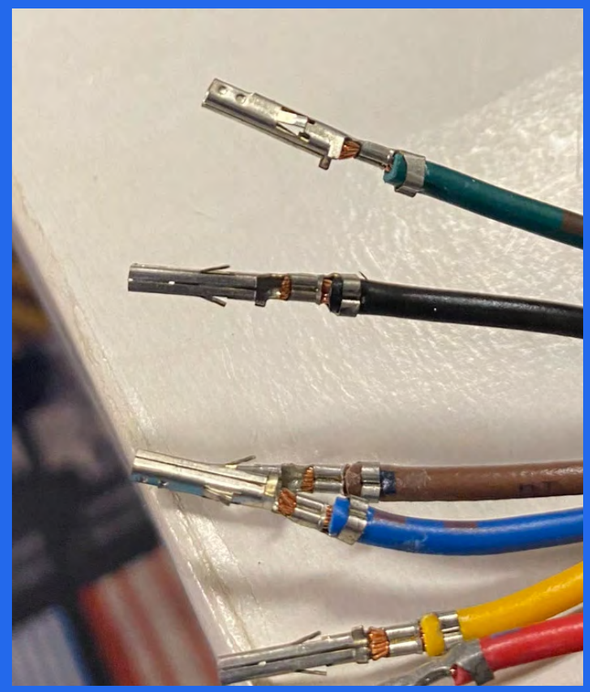
If you prefer the simplicity of replacing only the cap for the lock on the alarm module, you can do that with this part, which will fit your factory alarm loom sleeve: https://authings.store/products/tickford-au-alarm-lock-cap

Either way, remember to switch the alarm off with the alarm key before pulling back the harness sleeve and unplugging the wiring from the alarm!

You can use a sewing need or a 0.5mm (or thinner) by 1.2mm wide tool, inserted from the front of the plug on either side to release the tangs on each terminal before then sliding it out. You can find one in this kit. https://www.amazon.com.au/dp/B0C2T61YCF

The sewing needle will come in handy to lift the tangs back out before sliding the terminals back into the plug.

Some images, to assist with the installation...



Cape Paterson Cruise

VIC

Hi everyone,

Sunday, 21 September 2025, saw three Victorian cars, and six members, meet up in Cranbourne, to join The FPV and XR Owners Club of Victoria, and the SS Owners Club of Victoria, for a combined cruise to the Cape Tavern, Cape Paterson, for lunch.

Cape Paterson is a small seaside town located within a short drive from Wonthaggi, Inverloch and Phillip Island, and is about 130 kilometres south east of Melbourne

Dean and Marjorie Hargreaves, their son Econnor , Rod and Maggie Carter and myself met up with the other clubs at The Settlement Hotel in Cranbourne. After grabbing a coffee and getting to know our hosts, we headed off on the 95 kilometre trip to the pub for lunch.

The Bistro seats seventy and most seats were filled, so it was a great turnout. The meals were fantastic and service was just as good. Definitely recommend it if you are down that way.

I estimated there were around 20 Holdens and 16 Fords there.

Another great day out thanks to those who made it.

And also a huge thank you to the FPV and XR Owners Club for the invitation to join them on the day.

Take care and hopefully see you at an event soon.

Andy Christie
Victoria Event Rep

Read the other parts here:

PART 1 ***PART 2***

In *Pursuit* of happiness Part 3

BY CHRIS LYKOKAPIS

THE STORY OF RESURRECTING A PURSUIT P250

In the final part of the P250 Pursuit resurrection, we focus on protecting the exterior and giving the interior a once over.

With the paint correction process now complete, it was up on the ramp so I could remove the wheels for better access to the wheel arches, brakes/suspension. Even though I cleaned the wheels during the wash stage, you can see how much dirt and brake dust sits trapped behind the spokes. Each wheel was cleaned, dried and wiped with IPA before being coated by CarPro DLux which is a wheel and plastics coating specifically made for higher temps and repels contaminants from adhering to treated surfaces.

My attention then turned to the underneath. As you'd expect with only 39kms driven, the suspension components, brakes and wheel arch plastics were clean with some light brake dust, dirt and spider webs! Following another IPA wipe down they were coated in the same CarPro DLux coating as the wheels.

My coating of choice for the paint was CQuartz Professional by CarPro. It's one of the slickest coatings I've used and this helps minimise wash-induced marring. While this is a professional grade coating which can only be sold to/applied by authorised installers, they do offer consumer grade products which enthusiasts and weekend detailing warriors can apply.

I've been using CarPro products since I started my business in 2017 and during that time, they continually improve their offerings as well as explore new technologies to ensure they offer some of the best products in the world. Furthermore, they tend to understate and overdeliver which is a change from the marketing hype on social media platforms which make outlandish claims about durability and longevity.

First thing to do is determine your flash time (the time it takes for the coating to properly bond to the surface before

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wiping off). This is a very important step because not all coatings are the same. I prefer to apply some coating to a small area and gradually wipe off small sections in 2-minute increments. Wipe too early and it will smear and not properly bond to the surface; wipe too late and it will be too grippy and leave streaks. Observing the way it dries is another indicator. Some coatings will morph into a rainbow effect as the coating dries while others turn into a white streaky finish.

In this instance, the flash time was four minutes, but it can change over the course of the day e.g. you start off on a cool morning but it gets hotter in the afternoon. You just need to adapt to the changing conditions. A four-minute flash time also allows me to do a couple of sections at a time before I begin wiping off. For example, I might do the outer edges of a bonnet (using crease lines as a boundary) and the top of fenders in that four-minute period. With flash time sorted and my detailing trolley stocked with the coating, coating applicators, timer (my iPhone) and microfibre towels, it was GO time!

Getting into a rhythm (with minimal/no interruptions) allows for a smooth and trouble-free application process. Wipe off, using a combination of two microfibre cloths, is pretty simple. The first mops up most the residual coating and the second buffs to a streak free finish. Dimming or turning off ceiling lights and using a hand-held light will highlight any high spots. Fixing them now will eliminate time consuming rework down the track! I also use between two to three applicator cloths and four microfibre towels per single layer of a coating.

In my experience, it should take around two hours coating time for an average sized car. CarPro recommend two layers for maximum protection and durability and CQuartz Professional can be layered between 1-4 hours depending on temperature/humidity. In this instance, I was able to have a quick break before the second layer was applied to the P250 Pursuit.

One of the characteristics of CQuartz Professional is its darkening and saturation effect. It's a bit difficult to see when you're in the zone and working but when you take a break and you come back to it you can definitely notice the colour is richer/darker.

With the second layer now done, I turned my attention to the interior. As you would expect, all it needed was a vacuum and a light clean to remove dust and a few spider webs. All leather, plastics and rubbers were cleaned with CarPro Inner QD which contains anti-static and anti-dusting properties and is perfect for cleaning light dirt.

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The car still had its interior protective plastics in place, so these were carefully removed and reinstalled once the cleaning was completed and photos taken.

I must admit there is something very satisfying sitting in a car with brand new/fresh interior that hasn't been subjected to the rigours of daily use. Putting your hands on the MOMO steering wheel and gear knob had me closing my eyes and dreaming of how happy new owners would have felt in dealerships ordering their new ride.

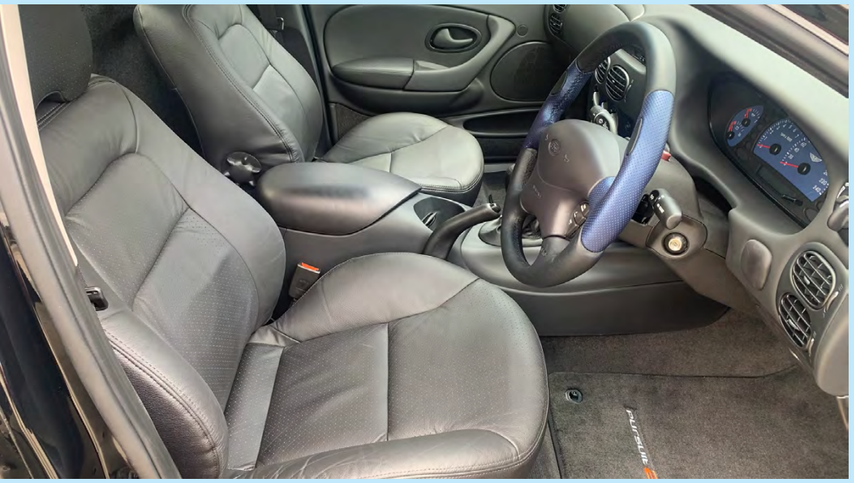
With all the necessary photos taken and the car packed away, I was a little sad that this experience had ended. I loved every minute spent getting the P250 Pursuit looking even better than when it left the factory all those years ago. I consider myself very fortunate to be able to work on such a car and proud of what I was able to achieve and accomplish.

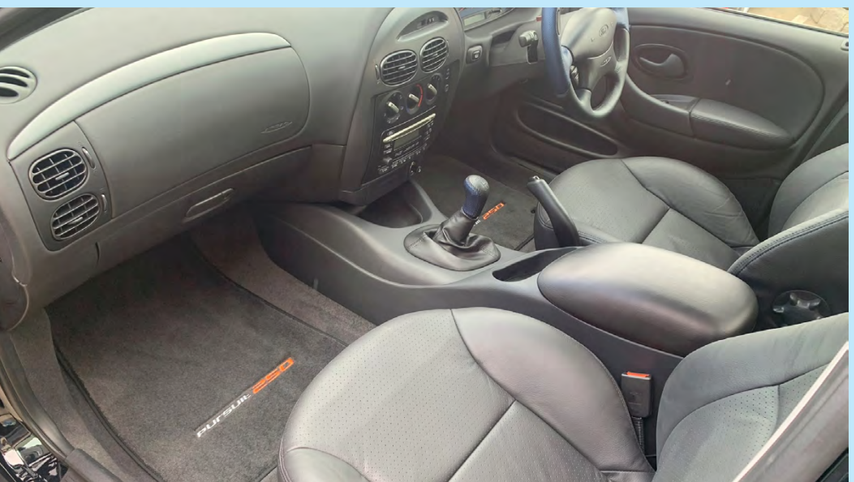
It's been a wonderful experience that I will never forget.

Finally, a huge thank you to the owner who gave me the opportunity of bringing this car back to life. We've already had some brief discussions about showing it in public and potentially handing it over to the next custodian (if the price is right!).

*If any club members have any detailing questions or require guidance/advice, please feel free to contact me via my Facebook page (Peak Car Detailing) or email me at peakcardetailing@yahoo.com

BY CHRIS LYKOKAPIS





Sydney All Ford Day 2025

NSW

SAFD 2025 was held in July 2025. We had a great day. Thank you to all who came along.

The cupcakes to diet for!

Well done to Shaun William and Rob Hicks.

Martin Goff
New South Wales Event Rep

Bathurst Fundraiser in Bittern

VIC

For the past 20 years, club founding member, Jason Floyd, has held a Bathurst BBQ at his home in Bittern, Victoria. It's attended by friends and car lovers, any make or model.

Previously it was a relatively private event. However, this year Jason saw an opportunity to make a difference to his local community and help Mental Health Safety Net, a local charity, set up to provide suicide prevention education on the Mornington Peninsula, by asking for a voluntary ten dollar donation from each car participating.

Although some of our members had previously informally attended, Jason this year gave an open invitation to our club.

Alan Gresham, Dean Hargreaves, Tony Elkns and I initially met up at the BP on Peninsula Link for coffee and then headed down, in our four cars, to Jasons.

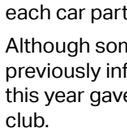
By about midday we had a total of ten cars from the club lined up. The three P250s, three T2s and four T3s made a great display. Thanks Rod and Maggie Carter, Stu Hanley, Manny Skaliotis, Allen Roberts, Roy and Geoff Van Gameren for bringing your cars along. Of course, Jason Floyd had his P250 there as well.

Throughout the day there were plenty of great cars and people wandering in and chatting around the BBQ.

We were incredibly fortunate to have sunshine for most of the day, so that was just a bonus.

Over 40 people joined in for the day with Jason raising over $300 for mental Health Safety Net.
www.mentalhealthsafetynet.com.au

Hope to see even more Victorian members at the next on in 2026…. Always on Bathurst Sunday!



Andy Christie
Victoria Event Rep

Bathurst Fundraiser in Bittern

VIC

Club Run to Wollombi Tavern

NSW

Fun club run in October with great people and their cars, and throw in an accident that we witnessed and rendered assistance till the authorities arrived. The driver was not injured but wanted us to pull his car out of the ditch and let him keep driving...! No chance of that as the left front wheel was virtually torn off.

We look forward to the next one. Thanks for all who attended

Martin Goff
New South Wales
Event Rep

CLUB MEMBER PROFILE:

George Smith

T3 TS50

I first heard about the T Series Club of Australia from my son, who handed me a note with four different names and phone numbers for me to try to contact. I didn't even know the club existed until 2017.

Up until 2015, I had seen only one other T on the road, when I had a chance meeting with Mal Margetts, when he had stopped in a little town called Yarragon, where I was living at the time. I was returning home and had driven into a service road, only to be confronted by Mal, waving his arms and urging me to stop.

Mal asked me what number was my car, and I told him that I didn't know it had one, so he then showed me where it was hidden on the right shocker tower.

Andy Christie contacted me in June, 2017, and sent me a membership application form. My membership card, #77, was sent to me on July 4. Thanks to Andy I've been to quite a few events and meetings, and have thoroughly enjoyed being a member of the club.

I'm 77 years old, and am "the oldest member", so I've been told!

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I bought my Silhouette T3 TS50 in 2002. I had not even heard of these Tickford cars, until I read an article in the Cars Guide from the Melbourne Sun newspaper. How lucky was I!

I was born in Sydney, but moved to Victoria in 1974, as it was far cheaper to buy a house here than Sydney, at that time. We lived in North Dandenong and I worked in a foundry for three years. In late 1977 we moved to Gippsland, where I ended up working in the coal mine, at Morwell, for 33 Years. Good pay, dirty work and shift work! I've been retired since 2013, but the years of shift work still affect my sleeping.

I'm getting ahead of myself.... My brother worked at a Ford dealership, as a spare parts salesman, and was always keeping an eye out for any good trade-ins to come in. On day, he tells me that a really good Mk 2 Zephyr Zodiac has been traded. Next thing you know, I'm the proud owner. I became part of a little group of Zephyr owners and had a lot of fun driving with a group, just like we do these days.

FAIRLANE NC 1994

A couple of years later, when I turned 21, I bought a red GT Cortina. I really enjoyed the car, at the time, but after two years of owning a GT, the insurance was through the roof, so I traded in the Cortina on a Falcon XY GS six cylinder. The car was a demonstrator and was fully optioned with lots of accessories – sun roof, aircon, over riders, wider rims, and one of only five made with two-tone green trim. It looked really good with matching colours. I ended up owning the GS for 22 years, before selling it to my eldest son. Three months later he rolled it five times and wrote it off. Say no more!

After the GS, Fairlanes followed. 1986 ZL, followed by a 1991 NA, then a 1994 NC, and finally a 1998 LTD, which I traded in on the TS50.

The TS50 had been registered in the dealer principals' name, and was sold to me as a demo, with only 3000 km on the clock. The first time I saw it being cleaned at the dealership I looked inside and saw the black interior – bloody ripper – just what I wanted. That was October 2002, and I've been the proud owner since.

Whenever the club has an event on the go, it's always special, meeting up with fellow members, checking out each others cars, and having a great time discussing our favourite subject.

TS50

MUSTANG

In 2010, my son and I flew to the Gold Coast to look at a Mustang we were considering buying. We were blown away by the immaculate restoration and RHD conversion. The car looked great and drove fantastic. A deal was struck and we had ourselves a 1969 Mach 1 Mustang, 5 speed manual In Acapulco Blue with gold stripes.

I've always admired the GT40. I once had an opportunity, whilst chatting with an owner at a car show, to sit in his car, "Only if you take your shoes off'. Needless to say I didn't, but in hindsight I shouldn't have missed my chance. But time has passed, and my wife reckons if I got into one I wouldn't be able to get out of it. She's probably right! Usually is!

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Over the years, since I was young, I have collected diecast models, mainly Fords and F1. Last count I have 2500 cars. I can remember paying $19 for a Trax model XY Falcon. These days you pay #125-$170 each. It all got too expensive to continue after I retired.

At the Geelong All Ford Day, 2021, I met a very clever artist from Warrnambool who could make a clay model of any car by hand. Six months after placing my order I picked up my model TS50, from the back of a station wagon, with about 20 other models being delivered, in a Golf Club Car park in Melbourne. My $370 model TS50 sits proudly on a shelf in my lounge room.

I want to say how terrific it has been belonging to the T series Club and participating in club events, particularly the Nationals. Meeting fellow members from all over Australia has been amazing. At the Canberra Nationals most of us were in cabins, and to see these wonderful cars parked outside each unit was one to behold…..something I will never forget.

The journey from Geelong All Ford Day 100 Year event to Mount Gambier and then on to Tailem Bend was filled with both fun and sadness. To experience driving on the race track was sensational. I now have a new found respect for drivers being able to drive so fast, for so long and so well. The very sad part of this event was the passing of Donna Quinton. She was a wonderful, vibrant person, full of happiness and a joy to be around. We are so glad to have met Donna and Steve.

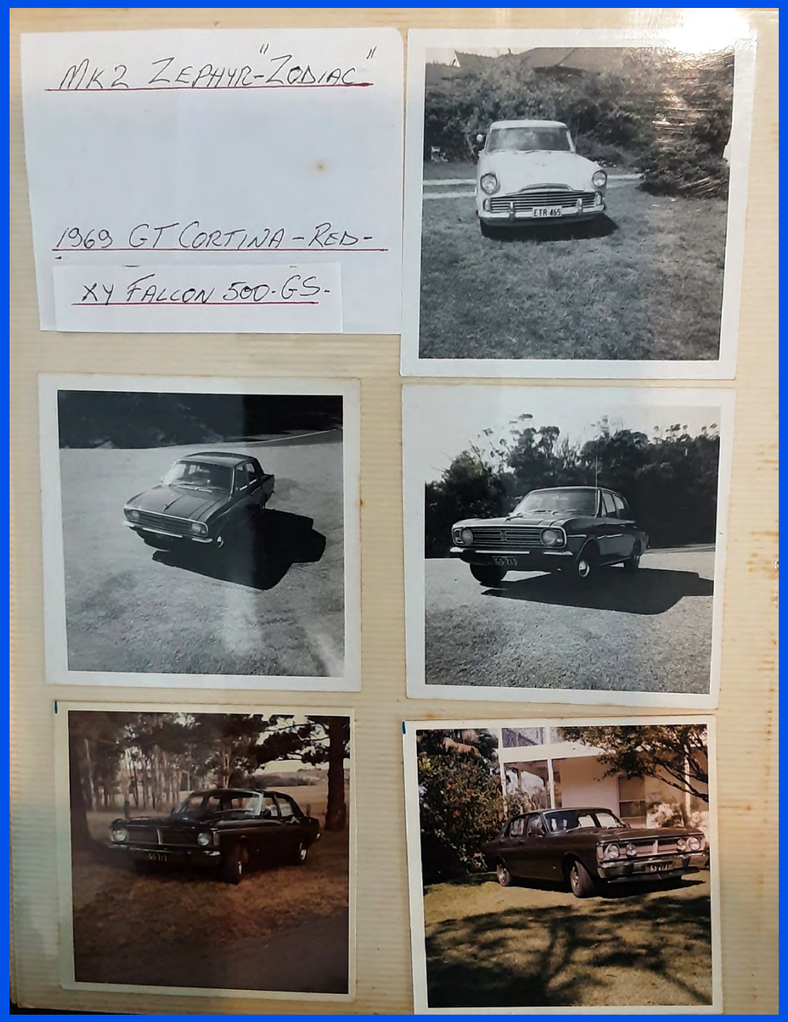
During the 2025 Nationals formal dinner, at Tailem Bend, Tony Elkins explained to those present the criteria the committee looked at when awarding "The Spirit of the Nationals Award". After listening to his glowing description of the winner, I could not believe that person was me. I truly did not think I had done all that much to be awarded this honour. It capped off a wonderful South Australian Nationals tour and we are certainly looking forward to the next event in 2027.

On a final note, last January the TS broke a valve spring. Not a difficult fix, I was told. The local mechanic made more of the repairs than necessary. I had a conversation with Martin Goff, in Sydney, and explained what my mechanic proposed. After a short while, Martin rang me back and said he'd meet me at home in Trafalgar, Victoria, in a couple of days, to do the repair himself.

I could not believe this was happening for me. What this friend did goes above and beyond helping another club member out with a problem. I cannot thank him enough and will be always grateful. And it is not the first time Martin has helped. When I was chasing original style front rotors, he arranged to have the rotors machined and delivered to me. He's just been terrific helping me out of these problems.

I sincerely hope you've enjoyed reading about my journey with The T Series Club of Australia.

CLUB MEMBER GEORGE SMITH



Merchandise Update

"IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENT IDEAS FOR FRIENDS, FAMILY OR YOURSELF WE HAVE PLENTY OF MERCHANDISE IN THE CLUB STORE AVAILABLE."

If you're looking for Christmas present ideas for friends, family or yourself we have plenty of merchandise in the club store available. We have limited merchandise from the 2025 Nationals which will be put on the site shortly, and a few items from the 2023 Canberra Nationals which we would like to find new homes for.

We will be placing an order for hoodies shortly as we've run out of the popular sizes (Medium and Large) - please keep an eye out on the club store and our Facebook groups when these will arrive. If there are any new items you would like to see, please send me an email (merchandise@tseriesclub.org) and we will look into it.

Andrew Bronier
Club President

Here is a quick rundown of some of the merchandise items available.

Click any image below to take you straight to the website.

If you do not find anything that you like, head to our SpreadShirt store and customise your own.
We reinvest our funds into OEM quality badges and parts to sell for members.

NEW Own the Road Decals (3 styles)– $7.00

2023 Capital Country T-Series Nationals Stubby Holder – $10.00

2023 Capital Country T-Series Nationals Display Deck – $75.00

T-Series and XR8 Engine Cover Wing Decal – $15.00

Adaptive Shift console decal - Series 1 – $10.00

Adaptive Shift console decal - Series 2 – $10.00

MY ROAD TRIP TO GEORGE & ROSE

This all started from a club run in Victoria when Jason F rang me about a club members car that had broken down on the run and wasn't running the best.

I had diagnosised it as more than likely a broken valve spring which is a pretty common thing on the 5 and 5.6l windsor engines.

That was in November 2024, fast forward to mid January 2025 and I get a phone call from George asking me for some advice on what was involved in the repair of his beloved Silohuette TS50 and that he had a mechanical workshop lined up to do the work but had a few questions.

George rang me back a day or so later and said that the mechanic was going to take the heads off and the car would be left sitting outside for at least a month and some ridiculous price for the job he was asking. I suggested he try another shop but I could hear in his voice that this was the only place that could do this sort of job.

I got off the phone and spoke with Mauriza and was pretty dismayed about what George had said, and said to Mauriza I'm going to call George back and get my tools together and drive down and fix the TS50 myself.

Rang George back and told him that if he can put me up for the night I will come down to his place and sort the TS50 out. George was blown away. I knew that he had already purchased the replacement valve spring, colletts and retainers. I purchased some new plugs and fuel filter and packed up my air compressor and tools to do the job and was ready to travel to Traralgon Victoria from Sydney.

"....GET MY TOOLS TOGETHER AND DRIVE DOWN AND FIX THE TS50 MYSELF...TO TRARALGON VICTORIA FROM SYDNEY. "

So up before the sparrows I headed to Mexico. First mandatory stop is Holbrook Bakery for a break and of course Wagon Wheels, hehehe, top up with LPG and cruise on back down the Hume.

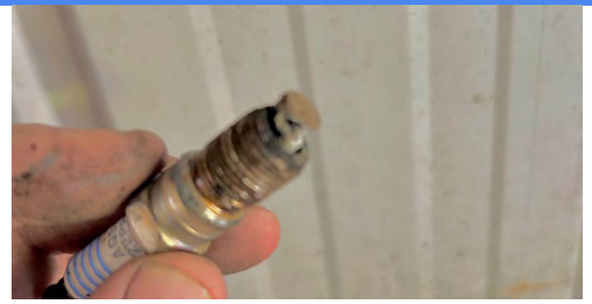
Arriving at Georges home, quickly sussed out that yep broken valve spring on number 2 cylinder. I quickly prepared everything for the next morning as I was pretty knacked from driving over 1000 ks.

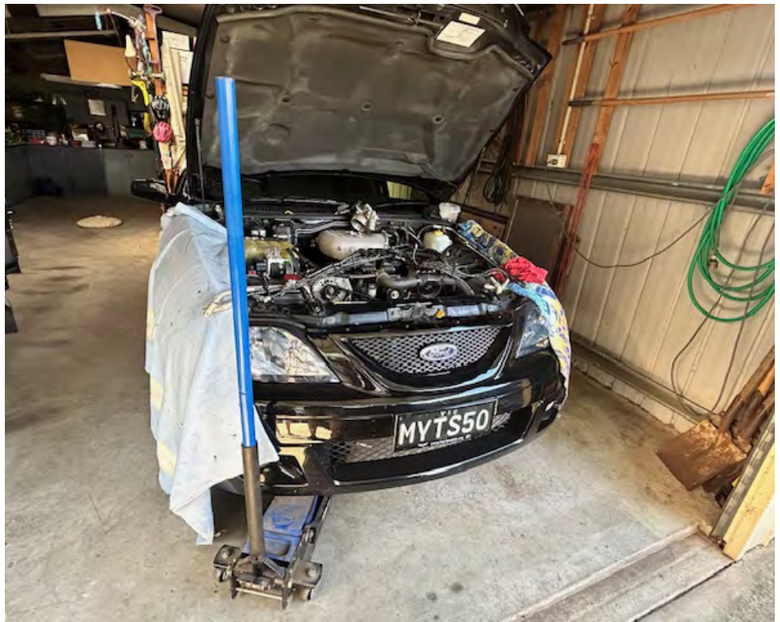
First thing in the morning, cranked up the compressor and got stuck into it. I have a set way of doing this job, as I've done plenty and had it all done within around 6 hours with George and Rose supplying the refreshments. Rod C had also dropped around to check out my work and was amazed on what I was doing for George.

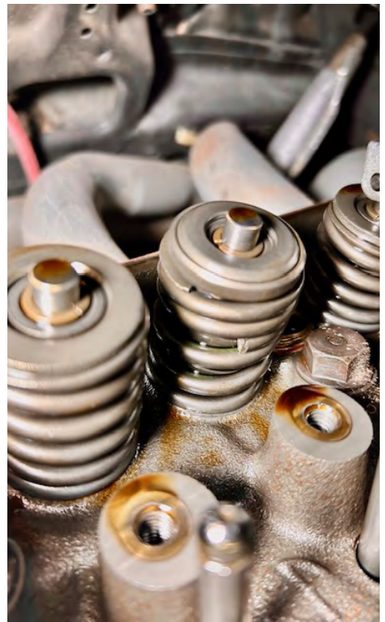
The TS50 was back and sounding sweet running on all 8 cylinders again. So with a quick reset on the transmission, George and I set off for a quick road test. It was purring along and George was smiling again.

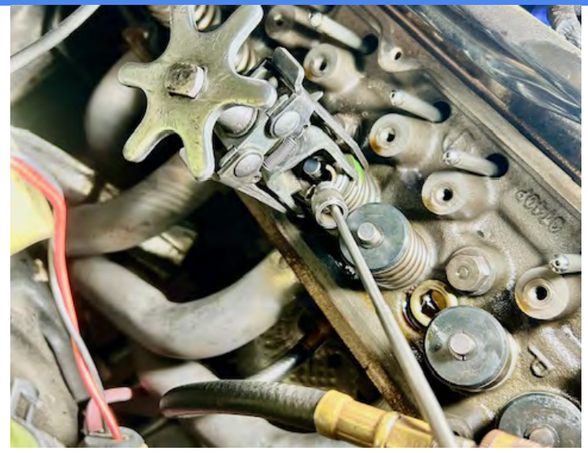
I certainly hate seeing people being ripped off especially the elderly. That is why I did what I did, and because George and Rose are such wonderful club members that it was the right thing for me to do. I have worked on a lot of our club members cars and really enjoy the results and given out plenty of advise on these unique Australian built vehicles.

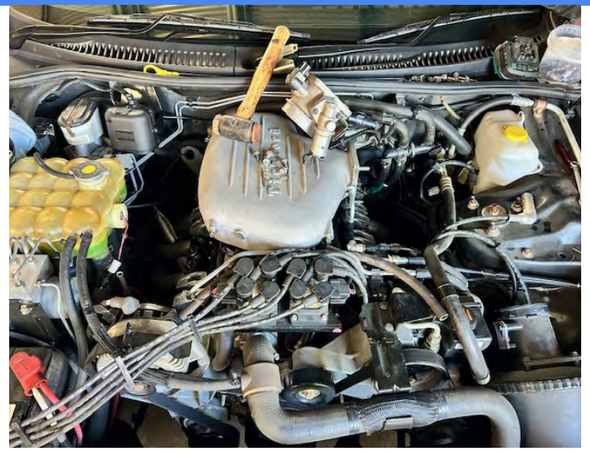
Happy that George and Rose were able to enjoy his TS50 again and it was fantastic that they were able to do the T-Series Nationals event with us in April from Geelong to The Bend in South Australia which was a memorable event.











Martin Goff
New South Wales
Event Rep

Penrite Lane 88 Museum

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Mid-October I received a request from The FPV and XR owners Club of Victoria to provide a club display, for their annual club Show and Shine, being held at the Penrite Lane 88 museum, held on October 26. There was also a request to participate with the judging process for their club, and to help with the BBQ.

Originally, we had planned for a cruise to Garfield cars and coffee on that day, but we will reschedule it to 2026.

As it turned out it was a bit of a blessing. It rained heavily in Gippsland that day so Garfield would most likely have been a washout. As it was, it rained for almost four hours at Penrite, but most of the cars were inside, under cover, so we were kept dry.

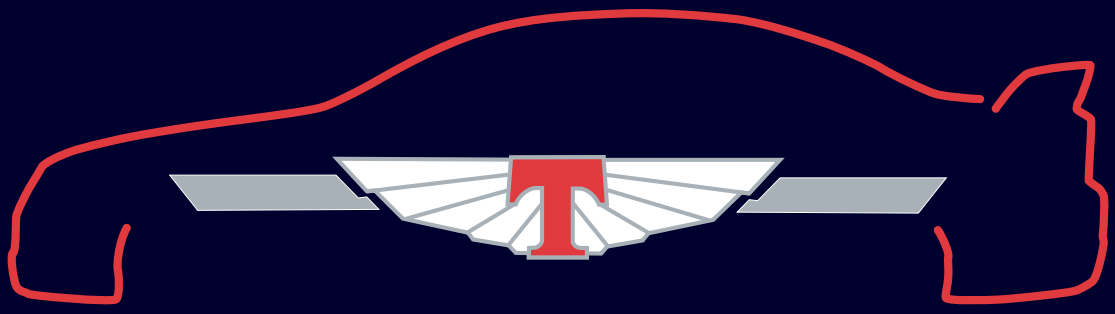
Not a big turnout from our club, but unfortunately the rain did keep some away.

Tony Elkins Super Pursuit was not out of place, and Alan Greshams T2 TE, Peter Wills T3 TS and my T3 TE completed our contribution. The cars looked great.

Thanks Peter Wills and Alan Gresham for judging the entry's in the Show and Shine. There were some excellent cars there and it was extremely difficult to separate some of them.

And finally, a huge thank you to Julie Wills for helping at the BBQ. Your assistance was appreciated by all.

Andy Christie
Victoria Event Rep



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